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With water famine we are in Hongkong only too familiar, but it was expected that when the Tytan supply became available scarcity of water in the Island of Fragrant Streams would become a thing of the past. The result has belied these expectations and for the second time since the Tytan works were opened the Colony has been put on a short allowance. Notifications have been issued stating the hours at which the supply will be turned on, but these are not adhered to and in some parts of the town, we are informed, there has been no water at all obtainable from the taps in private houses or the street fountains for the last day or two and householders have had to send their servants into other districts to obtain the quantity indispensable for domestic purposes. To be greeted by one's boy in the morning with the announcement that there is no water for the bath is not conducive to equanimity of temper during the day, and the Water Department is at the present moment the subject of a good deal of malediction. The mere inconvenience, however, is a small matter compared with the danger to the public health. A scarcity of water is almost an invitation to a visitation of smallpox and other zymotic diseases. Of course we are much better off than we were formerly; the periods of scarcity have been reduced and for the remainder of the year the Chinese, instead of having to struggle and fight for water around the public tanks at stated hours, are able to draw all they want at any time of the day from the numerous street fountains now provided. But this recurring scarcity at the end of the winter is a serious matter and one which demands earnest attention. The Sanitary Board ought to have been constituted the Water Authority in the first instance, but that body unfortunately declined the responsibility. Mr. FRANCIS, one of the unofficial members of the Board and an advocate now for reform of the Government, being at that time one of those who thought the ratemakers through their representatives ought to have no say in the control of their own water supply, but that this important matter, like almost everything else in the colony, should be left entirely in the hands of an official. The time, we hope, is not far distant when the Sanitary Board will be merged in a Municipal Council elected on a popular franchise and which will give the ratemakers full control over the water supply and all other purely municipal matters.

We cannot but think that under either a Municipal Council or the Sanitary Board the alternatives between abundance and famine in the water supply would be less sudden and inconvenient. Before very many years the question of further increasing the storage capacity will have to be taken into consider-

ation, but in the meantime by the exercise of a little economy in the early part of the dry season the necessity of cutting off the supply at the end of the season might be brought within much narrower limits. At the end of September it may be taken for granted that both reservoirs will be full. In October, unless the rains continue sufficiently to cause an overflow, the limitation of the water being turned on for, say, ten hours a day to coincide with the hours being gradually reduced if no more rain falls, so that the beginning of March should find us with enough water in the reservoirs to give a daily supply of not less than six hours for two months, which would carry us to the end of April, by which time we may reasonably expect rain in appreciable quantity. The present scarcity ought to have been foreseen and provided against by some such system of economy in the early part of the season as we have recommended, for the rainfall in October and subsequently was much less than in the previous year, as will be seen from the following figures:

1892-93.	1892-93.
October .....	6.21 in.
November .....	2.39 .....
December .....	1.96 .....
January .....	0.52 .....
February .....	1.28 .....

1893 in. 2.86 in.

Certainly at the end of November the necessity of economising ought to have suggested itself to the Water Authority, seeing that the rainfall for October and November was less than half-an-inch as against 8½ inches in the same two months of the previous year. In 1890 the rainfall in those two months was small and at the end of that season the same scarcity prevailed that prevails now, so that there was no lack of experience on which to base conclusions as to what was likely to happen. All that was wanted was a little attention and common sense to apply the experience. Had weekly or monthly reports on the water supply been submitted to the Sanitary Board or to a Municipal Council it may be taken for granted that the danger that has been incurred by an improvident use of the water would have suggested itself to some of the members and would have been guarded against. We are told that in the multitude of counsellors there is wisdom; one or two respectable things in the whole mass of its existence it would very soon be brought to book. Yet Singapore is quite under the inns and not a single reference seems to have been made to it in either of the local papers.

The discussion at the "Old Volumes" on Wednesday afternoon took place at the Legislative Council chamber. The Attorney-General said—“The hon. member who represented the Chamber of Commerce in his speech did not say a word in connection with the recently discovered defalcations in the Treasury, was remanded yesterday at the Police Court before Commissioner W. G. H. Hastings.

Mr. A. B. Johnson (Crown Solicitor) conducted the prosecution, and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (defended by Sir Hodson), appeared for the defendant.

The smoking contest Club seems to have known of the "Kon-go" on the board, but I am not sure that the older institution is not also dead yet and that there is a prospect of a India evening being given before the present session expires.

At a lately attended meeting of the Japan Society held in London recently a paper was read by Mr. Marcus H. Hush upon "The Influence of Europe on Old Japanese Art." He said that all through susceptibility to outside influences, and always been a trait in the Japanese character, so that the assimilation of the art of China at that time, and of the codes, dress, and habits of the Western world in the present day, yet this accompanied by the destruction of everything in any way connected with it. In the case of the D.A.G. he said that Japanese art had passed through 1853 without losing its originality, but that, with the introduction of Holland, which lasted from that date until 1868, the influence of Portugal art, the intense hatred among the Japanese of the nation, the intrigues and persecutions of the Jesuits, which continued to exist long after its expulsion. This was accompanied by the destruction of everything in any way connected with it. 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## SAVED BY A SNAKE.

We were staying at the Major's and I, on the road-side of the Hongkong Club, Colaba, enjoying the evening breeze, and our talk was flowing away the time by a narration of experiences in different parts of the world. By way of parenthesis it may be remarked, that the Bengal Club is one of the most delightful institutions of the kind in Asia, and a house indeed, the building that was the residence of T. B. Macaulay, the great English historian, when he was a member of the Supreme Council of India and before he made his famous speech.

The Major had just been telling me that 20,000 lives are lost every year in India by wild animals and snakes, three-fourths of them by snake-bites alone, "but that is some consolation," he said, "in that the snake is an animal which is not bitten by the rattlesnake, saw-sack, and others, but because the bites are through their clothing, and the poison is thus cubed away from the fangs of the serpents before they reach the skin and flesh. The natives go about barefooted and are thus formed an easy prey to the animal, and so it is with the European, being clothed and safe from the bite."

"Were you ever bitten by a snake?" I asked.  
"Well, yes," was the reply; "that is, I have been twice bitten, but the sensation is anything but agreeable." Both coincided I was wearing my riding-boots and the cobras did not attack me, but the snakes were there, but because the bites are through their clothing, and the poison is thus cubed away from the fangs of the serpents before they reach the skin and flesh. The natives go about barefooted and are thus formed an easy prey to the animal, and so it is with the European, being clothed and safe from the bite."

"And is the bite of the cobra always fatal?" I asked.

"Yes, practically so," he answered, "as not more than one in a thousand is saved after getting a good dose of cobra poison in his veins."

The snake-charmers have a few antidotes known to themselves, at least they claim to have, though I've seen a snake-charmer dead in fifteen minutes after he had been bitten by a cobra, though he had applied antivenom to the wound immediately. The snake charmer, however, takes internal doses of organic and amyl Fosner's solution to the wound, and if relief can be obtained within five minutes after the bite there is some hope of counteracting the effect of the poison.

A large dose of alcohol stimulants are also given to the cobra in the same way that we Americans give to the rattlesnake, by a rattlesnake.

And speaking of antidotes, we have another brandy and soda, there may be a snake in the clubhouse, you know."

While sipping his drink the major continued to give me more snail lore, and finally wound up with the question, "Did I ever tell you how a snake bit me?"

"Never," I answered, "but I would very much like to hear about it. Was it a case of gratitude on the snake's part?"

"No, but it was a mine, though the snake was not actuated by any moral motives in what he did. He was a passive agent rather than an active agent, a chameleon and attachment in the village would bear the firing and we would not have long to wait for them, so we decided to stay where we were till they came."

In fifteen or twenty minutes their torches appeared in the distance. We shouted for them to hold up and the men on the road. They stopped and from the noise for the sake of the fellow that was lying in our midst; and was afterward tombed to the ground by the snake. It was the father of the family, and the reports of his son had not been exaggerated in the least. Between five and three inches long without the tail, and when the man must have been fully two feet high, he laid him on the ground and took him to the home of my brother, Lord Hindon. It was my first battle, that wounded him and my second that killed him, so he was clearly my property. The mate had been shot through the heart by Foster and was lying where the fall. There were three cubes, which we secured without difficulty, and the snake was captured and taken to the house of my brother, Lord Hindon.

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**CHAPTER XXXVII.**

A SECRET IN THE OFFING.

Owing to the prominence of the professional writers here for many years back, due to that grand old town of the Caribs, when Cholly had come back from having a look at his boy, Frank had laid down his pipe and cleared his throat.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I am going to tell you a story."

"Bravo!" cried Ralph. "After that we'll have a song."

"There's a secret, a secret out," began Frank.

The boy went on telling them in simple but graphic language, every word of which struck home to the hearts of his listeners, all the story of his life. But he talked in the third person.

When he had concluded, Augustus and his brother both stood up and stretched their right hands out toward him.

"Good boy," said Frank, "you picked the tiller."

"Look out, my friends, I need your confidence. Such confidence will not be misplaced. We are your friends, nay, your brothers if you will."

Frank could not speak, but he pressed his hand to his heart.

"I have a long time to describe the different reasons that made me drift into that placid exile. The love of a lonely girl, the lack of a not uncommon factor, disappointment in life another, but there are many, many more; fugitives from their country's laws, for instance, often become Caribes, while others live by the green lagoons of the sunny South Pacific for the sake of making money."

The two brothers, Ralph belonging to the fierce fight with the hard-hunting Carib.

They were young, described as "the young men" in a few years of London life, and to him, a strong, full-blooded, well-made man, with all the world before him.

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to the beauty and wealth which love to inspect visiting war ships, whether Asiatic or Caucasian. I chanced to notice a sanguine impugning with more than usual interest the work of my friend, the special artist of this paper. The sailor aspirer to be a painter, which he had produced during a long hour of ease. One series of sketches pictured a fight between the Kong-go and an imaginary adversary, the last drawing in the series portraying the enemy blown into a thousand pieces, which looked like ships afloat upon a piece of cloth, which had afterwards been used in some business transaction as a rug. Another series of sketches filled the panels of its creator with enthusiasm, and he pointed to one of the big guns with pride, saying it was to understand that there was no pencil which could truthfully picture the bayou it was capable of creating.

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## WITCHCRAFT VINDICATED BY SCIENCE.

The following lecture was delivered at the annual meeting of the Society of the French Language, Tokyo, by Professor Prosper Fouquer, and is reproduced from the *Japan Mail* from the *Hongkong Economic Review*.

You are not unaware that at this class of the country, there is happening an infinitely extraordinary phenomenon that is well calculated to arrest the attention of whomsoever delights in observing his fellow men; it is through a restless application of mind that a numerous and singular class in giving birth to a phenomenon of such a nature, my opinion is in appearance, as would only for years have been branded as charlatancy and in older times as witchcraft. In the times that be, when scholars have control over everything, there are men of great science who do not disdain to submit to analysis facts which the ordinary run of men declare, a priori, to be absurd, but experimentally true. There is, however, a solid basis for this, but it often has a sound basis of important truths. Thus it is that some time ago Lieutenant-Colonel de Rochas d'Aligre, Director of the Polytechnic School, and an investigator of the highest order, whilst studying in the foot-steps of the quadrant magnetism, the various conditions through which a subject is passed into magnetism, also discovered a new classification of sensitivity. Herein is where this discovery consists: when a subject has been steeped into a magnetic sleep, if the exciting cause is sufficiently powerful, it is noticed that the patient will pass through a successive series of conditions, each one characterized by some phenomenon, and this commences with the person magnetized after he has been Rocked all the condition of "constitution." At that moment, the subject is in union with the instrument of magnetization.

He is, in this case, in a magnetic sleep, if the subject only, "wherever he may be." If the subject has been brought to the condition of correlation by charging him with electricity, by means either of a statical machine, of a galvanic battery, or of a magnet for the production of magnetism, he will, after an artificial sleep just as well as passes past him, suddenly only regard the person in contact with the instrument that produced hypnosis. Now, when they are in this said condition of correlation, magnetized subjects with whom sensibility has disappeared at the surfaces of the skin, are present an extermination of sensations. All the sensations, except a positive layer separated from the skin, a few centimetres, in such a way that if the magnetizer or any one whatsoever happens to touch, pinch, or even prick the subject's skin, the latter feels nothing whatever; whereas if the magnetizer performs the same operations upon the magnetized, the subject experiences corresponding sensations. The subject of course, is more or less complete according as the magnetic sleep is more or less profound. With particularly impressionable subjects, it may have a thickness of many metres and, what is an infallible curious fact, it is not obstructed by material bodies. It follows therefore, that a person whose sensibility has been exterminated can feel no pain of any kind, nor exercise by the power which has magnetized him, aside from his own, by a solid magnet, whilst he would be incapable of feeling anything were the magnetizer to really touch him. This fact, as curious in itself, opens the door to consequences of the greatest interest. To this end, it is evident that the point of determining the reality of the state of magnetism preceding familiar to the winds and waters of the Middle Ages known as "witches." They mimicked a lamp of wax into image of their future victim, a little figure to which they, to some extent, conveyed the living potentiality of their enemy so well that it was sufficient for them to place it in the fire, and the poor soul would not have cost above one-sixth of that sum.—From "Cassell's Journal of Foreign Literature."

a needle the photographic film is the glass, where the representation of the object is fixed and upon the keeping it consciousness there were upon his hand, on the part corresponding to the one that had been touched in the photograph, two red spots similar to those produced by scratches. In view of such facts, it would be rash to deny absolutely the old wives' tale of "the mark above level" (the mark of the weather). It must be admitted that one is often surrounded by the wizards who, in past times, singularly deforded the wishes of past times, singularly deforded M. de Rochas. The latter, in order to accomplish a witchcraft, requires his subject to lend himself to it: he must be submitted to special pains, in a word he must be in direct communication with him. The process is entirely different. According to their books said, the most required to accomplish this witchcraft was the possession of some article which had belonged to the persons they desired to devote to destruction by witchcraft.

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## ST. BENONIAN'S WELL.

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## NOTES ON BOARDED MEN-OF-WAR.

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